IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC

INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Box AF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: